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## **SBMA achieves rare feat, bags 2 CSC ‘Pagasa’ awards**

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT— Two employees of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) are now the pride of the 3,000-strong SBMA workforce after receiving “Pagasa” awards from the Civil Service Commission (CSC) for their outstanding contribution to public service.

SBMA Fire and Rescue Team leader Capt. Ranny Magno and printing machine operator Randy Canlas were acclaimed during the CSC recognition rites for regional finalists held on Friday at King’s Royal Hotel and Leisure Park in Bacolor, Pampanga.

SBMA administrator Armand Arreza proudly said the two citations this year were “a rare feat” for the SBMA, in view of the fact that the distinction is usually given to a group.

“With the awards given out separately to two SBMA employees, we are doubly proud for having two more awardees in our ranks,” he added.

Canlas, whose main task in the SBMA office is to reproduce documents, has developed various (information technology) IT programs which, if outsourced, could have cost P6.4-million in the last six years. If these systems were fully implemented in the 52 SBMA departments, the agency’s total savings in IT could reach P25 million yearly.

Canlas was named the 2009 SBMA Employee of the Year for developing and implementing the programs.

Magno, meanwhile, has been instrumental in the operation of the SBMA Fire and Rescue Team, which has been called upon to a wide range of emergency situations in Subic and other parts of Luzon.

Under Magno’s command, the SBMA Fire and Rescue Team helped retrieve trapped miners at level 700 of the Goldfield mine in Itogon, Benguet in September 2008.

In August last year, Malacañang conferred on the SBMA Fire and Rescue Team the 2009 Gawad Kalasag Award’s special citation for best support organization in the national level for the “extraordinary courage, heroism, self-sacrifice, and bravery against all odds in times of emergencies and disasters.

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This year's winners Canlas and Magno join two others in SBMA's roster of Pagasa awardees: security officer Joel Viray (2008) and SBMA Ecology Center staff Edmund de Jesus (2009), whose respective achievements in peace and order and environmental protection gained the nod of the CSC Honor Awards Program committee.

Arreza stressed that the four Pagasa citations, which were given by the CSC to a government employee or group of employees who have contributed exceptional idea or excellent performance that significantly benefited their respective government agency, have boosted the pride of the whole SBMA workforce.

"These CSC citations prove that SBMA employees are truly personifying the agency's core values of 'Malasakit', Excellence, and Passion. And by doing so, SBMA employees become perfect examples of what a true public servant should be— workers who make a difference in the lives of the people they serve," said Arreza. (30)